



Kansas Republican Assembly

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January 29, 2015

Golden Corral, 616 South Ridge Road, Wichita (Social-6:30 pm Meeting-7:00 pm)

MEETING AGENDA

"If we ever forget that we are One Nation under God, then we will be a Nation gone under." Ronald W. Reagan

Sent to: The Kansas Republican Assembly; Visit us on Facebook
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Membership Good Until: **n/a**

Mark S. Gietzen – President: 7:00 pm: Call to Order:

- a. Opening Prayer
- b. Flag Salute (*Oldest Veteran present leads the Pledge*)

Debbie Baker – Secretary:

- c. Minutes – (*printed on reverse side*)

Troy Newman – Treasurer:

- d. Treasurer's Report (*printed on reverse side*)

Mark S. Gietzen

- e. Introduction of the Wichita Mayoral Candidates Present:
- f. Candidate Introductory Statements: (*time to be determined by number present*)
- g. Moderated Q & A. (*Any media present has first opportunity for questions*)
- h. Member's to decide if the KRA should make an endorsement in the Wichita Mayoral race. If "YES", the endorsement vote will take place at the February meeting.

Old/New Business:

- i. Race and Racism – Frederick Douglas Republicans for high school age children
- j. Membership drive beyond the Wichita Area

Announcements:

- k. Announcements from members
- l. Announcement: **Wichita Pachyderm** most every Friday at noon, 9th Floor, of the Bank of America Building, 100 North Broadway in Wichita
- m. Announcement: This coming Friday evening & Saturday: **GOP Convention** in Topeka; US Congressman **Trey Gowdy** to speak at noon on Saturday (*Car-pooling and ticket information after the meeting*)
- n. Next regular **KRA Meeting, February 26th**, will be a City Council Candidate Forum

Adjournment:

Meeting Minutes August 14, 2014
Cathy's Westway Café

The August meeting was dedicated to helping Legislative Non-Incumbent Primary Winners. No KRA Secretary was available to take minutes at this meeting. Each of the four candidates present spoke about hurdles that they were facing in their particular race. The need for money was a common topic. Group discussion included fundraising ideas that worked for others. Each candidate present received at least \$100.00, from meeting attendees, given either at the meeting, or soon thereafter, with some receiving considerably more.

Meeting Minutes September 11, 2014

There was no September meeting due to a schedule conflict with the National Fluoride Conference held in Washington, DC, where KRA President Mark Gietzen was an invited guest and speaker.

Meeting Minutes October 9, 2014
Salina Public Library, Salina, KS

The October KRA Meeting at the Salina Public Library was filled with high emotions, strong feelings, unnecessary drama and some verbal combat. It was well-attended and was preceded by much media coverage, both print and radio. The topic was the Salina Fluoride Referendum, wherein Salina voters would decide on the future of their fluoridation program in the November General Election. Discussion included the fact that in March of 2014, The LANCET Medical Journal updated its list of developmental neurotoxins, including fluoride in its list of eleven known neurotoxins; and the fact that in 2012 and 2013, the Harvard School of Public Health warned that even low levels of fluoride, similar to what is currently added to Salina's water, lowers IQ in children.

Unlike in Wichita in 2012, where T-party activists were mostly united in their opposition to adding fluoride to Wichita's water, Salina T-party activist were split about 50% - 50% on the issue, with Salina Democrats mostly in favor of artificial water fluoridation. *(Unfortunately, the Salina Fluoride Referendum ultimately failed.)*

Meeting Minutes November 4, 2014
Corporate Hills Marriott Ballroom, Wichita, KS

In lieu of a regular November meeting, KRA members joined other Republican groups at an Election Night Watch Party, which for many of us, turned out to be the most exciting and gratifying Election Watch Party of our lifetime! Out of absolute necessity, Republicans in Kansas united, perhaps more than ever before, just-in-time for the November General Election! It was a memorable night for all who attended.

Meeting Minutes December 11, 2014
Tiara's Place Restaurant, Wichita, KS

Following the unfortunate events in Ferguson, Missouri and New York City that have increased racial tensions nation-wide, **Dr. Peggy Elliott** led a group discussion among a mostly Black group of attendees. *(This was the first majority-Black KRA meeting in our history.)* The original intent was to lead other state Republican Assemblies in putting together a "Statement on Race and Racism" that would eventually be adopted by the National Federation of Republican Assemblies. The proposed written rough-draft statement was rejected almost immediately, and no consensus was reached during the meeting on alternative wording. The question of, exactly what such a statement should say, remained an open question. At least one Black Republican felt that the less said about racism, the better off everyone would be. There are no further plans to go forward with a KRA statement on racism, unless the NFRA expresses an interest in such a statement.

TREASURER'S REPORT: *(Troy Newman)*

Credits:	Starting Balance from Aug 2014 Report <i>(Non-Designated KRA Funds)</i>	\$ 293.52
	Starting Balance from Aug 2014 Report <i>(Designated for Fluoride-fighting)</i>	\$ 105.98
	Starting Balance from Aug 2014 Report <i>(Fluoride CHALLENGE Account)</i>	\$ 550.17
	Starting OVERALL BALANCE from Aug 14, 2014 Treasurer's Report	\$ 949.67
	Donations and dues <i>(Non-Designated KRA Funds)</i>	\$ 0.00
	Donations <i>(Designated for Fluoride-fighting)</i>	\$ 0.00
	Donations <i>(Designated for Fluoride CHALLENGE) Interest only</i> ...	\$ 0.00
	GRAND TOTALS: Donations + Starting Balance from above.....	\$ 0.00..... \$ 00.00
Expenses:		
	Non-Fluoride: Bank Credit Card Processing Fee	\$ 0.00
	Printing, paper and postage for promotional membership mailings	\$ 0.00
	Total Non-Designated Expenses.....	\$ 0.00
	Fluoride-fighting: Bank Credit Card Processing Fee	\$ 0.00
	Merchant Services Annual Fee	\$ 0.00
	Donation / Transfer to Salina Cares	\$ 180.00
	Total Fluoride-fighting Expenses.....	\$ 180.00
	Ending Balance January 29, 2015 (Non-Designated KRA Funds).....	\$ 59.52
	Ending Balance January 29, 2015 (Designated for Fluoride-fighting).....	\$ 21.88
	Ending Balance January 29, 2015 (Fluoride CHALLENGE Account).....	\$ 550.22
	ENDING OVERALL BALANCE as of January 29, 2015	\$ 631.62

We have no outstanding bills, except the monthly printing bill for December & January, not yet received.